

Tiverton Tree Commission

Annual Summary Report

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I. Tiverton Tree Commission 2006–2007 session

The Commission completed its Neighborhood Tree Project 2007 this past April with the planting of fifteen (15) trees throughout the Town.

Tree Locations

Stafford Road (1)
North Christopher (1)
Bulgarmarsh/Main (1)
Silvia Center/Old Stafford (1)
Mark Drive (4)
390 S. Christopher (1)
289 S. Christopher (1)
478 Bulgarmarsh (1)
924 Bulgarmarsh (1)
N. Tiverton /Clement (1)
Florence St (2)

Funding for these trees came from the Tree Commission's appropriation and donation fund accounts. The Tiverton Highway Department did the planting of these trees.

The annual Arbor Day event was held at the Middle School. An assembly with the fifth grade student body followed with the planting of two Linden trees. The trees were given by the Tiverton garden club. This event was coordinated by the chairperson, Mr. Moniz, who also planted the trees on the school's grounds.

Commission members and attendance/status report

Tree warden (John Manchester): did not attend any meetings

Public member (vacancy): this member position has not been filled

Conservation Commission (CC) representative to the Commission (Rachel Elder): the chair was informed of her recent resignation from CC. It is expected that a new representative will be designated by CC in the near future.

Public member (RoseMarie Teixeira): waiting reappointment.
Pending action from the Town council

Highway Department Director (Dave Webster): Mr. Webster advised the commission that he would be retiring this fall. It is expected a new appointment to this position by the Town Council by the end of the year.

II. Tiverton Tree Commission's goals for the 2007-2008 session

The Commission member's voted to take on a new project, The Ranger School (new) Landscaping and Enhancement Project. With the approval of the Tiverton School Committee, the Tree Commission and in association with the Tiverton Arts Council will be assisting the school department in the landscaping of the new Ranger School.

The enhancement portion of this project is to create a natural environmental learning space with the planting of a tree grove and the placement of park benches within the site. This grove is to be used by the teaching staff for educational purposes. Also, an outdoor work of art is being considered for the school's grounds. In addition, trees that were eliminated from the school's construction budget will be planted by the Commission.

To realize this goal the Tree Commission has committed its next two annual town appropriations to this project. {Tiverton Neighborhood Tree Project will be suspended} The Commission will

seek grants and donations from the town residents and business owners to supplement the funding of this project.

Arbor Day 2008 event at the Middle School will be planned for the 2007-2008 session.